Latter from Leesburg.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. LEESBURG, VA., Nov. 30.—Does is not strike you as a singular fact, that, in this our time of greatest need, all our old national leaders are dead, and that there is no man now before the public eye, who is looked to as a leader of the masses of the people?

I see you still have confidence in the people, especially in the people of Virginia. I can only say, that, if our people are a criterion by which to judge those of Virginia, they do not seem to have confidence in themselves.

All we can say is, that in the Union we have enjoyed a degree of happiness, prosperity, and respectability that no people have ever before been blessed with; that from a feeble band of 3,000,000, we have,

We can see all this when we look back: but when we look forward, all is chaos. One only hope suggests itself to every mind, and we look up hopefully to the Almighty Ruler of Nations, with the simple trust that "man's extremity is Ged's oppor-

dissatisfaction with the doings of most of the Northern States. We are defending our backward without surrendering everything; they are the aggressors, and can, without loss, retract-and it must be done, or worse will come of it.

I think the Loudoun meeting of December Court will be a large one, and will give a fair expression of the mind of the county. A few town items may not be unaccept-

At this time last year, there was not a vacant house in town, and now there are five comfortable houses for rent. I hope they will remain idle no longer than New Year's Day, which is a common time among us for moving. I notice homespun as not an uncommon

article of dress for persons of means, who have not worn it since the days of their boyhood. This, I take it, is a step in the right direction, for when we are self dependent. we will be independent, and not before. I do not perceive in the dress of the ladies any particular change in the character of the material, but they look so handsome, I suppose they may be allowed the extravagance. if such it be in reality, for some good judges have said that the best clothes are the cheapest. They are the only gay looking objects we meet with, and I suppose our present and tolerable by their presence. In this connection, I will add, that the number of marriage licences issued so far this year, is 77, As there is only a month remaining, afraid that they will hardly reach the dissenting voices:

Mr. Pickett has put up, this year, a brick another, 24 by 75, which, with the new wash-house and servants' room, will at least double his accommodation for guests. A new barber has also set up shop at the "Pickett House," who will prove a desirable acquisition to the comforts and convenience of the old burg.

There are several cases of typhoid fever in town, but I believe they are not of a malignant character.

Col. Morgan's election, in Clarke county, is gratifying to many of us who oppose him in his general politics. He is a man largely interested in both laud and slaves, whose interests will be as much affected as those of any man in the community, and who, therefore, can safely be trusted to act calmly and considerately in the present emergency. ALIQUIS.

Letter from Georgetown, S. C. Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. There is nothing here but Secession dreamed of, or talked of. For weeks we have been in the midst of public dinners and meetings. Three last week, and speaking in the court house, last night. All are for Secession. The last night, and "to a man" they voted to be rather the widows of Secessionists than the wives of "Submissionists." There was a meeting here last week to nominate delepointed a committee to make nominations, and of the eight, three were ministers. We have a rifle corps here of 70 men, and our representative, P. C. J. Weston, a rice planter, has made them a present of 100 minnie rifles, \$3,500, and a Whitworth Gun, \$1,500, besides smaller contributions. We have also an artillery company of 64 men, and Gov. Gist has just sent them a battery of six guns; and three rice planters have sent them their checks for \$200 a piece. Then we have a troop called the Marion Light Troop of 52 men, to which I belong. We had a present of \$250 last week, and if we do have to fight, we will be ready to do so. Our Railroad is about 170,000. still pushing on and will not stop. All other business is at a stand still. The Banks will not discount, although a bill has passed our Legislature legalizing the action of the banks in refusing specie. All the Turpentine, Rosin, Cotton and Rice are being stored; and the Banks lav over all Northern notes without protesting them. The Lawyers won't sue on Northern paper, and every where the Palmetto flag is flying. The one on our Liberty pole is a red flag with rising

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DECEMBER.	SUN	SUN sets.	MOON'S PRASES.	
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PORT OF ALEXANDRIA-DECEMBER 3.

Steamship Monticello, Gager, New York, to Schr. Oxford, Dobbin, Baltimore, timber to M.

MEMORANDA. Sehr. William and Mary, Phippin, sailed from Baltimore, for this port, 2d inst. Sehr. Mary Standish, Atwood, sailed from Boslon, for this port, 30th ult. Schr. Yorktown, Woglom, sailed from New

York, for this port, 1st inst. Schr. Grace Caroline, Paul, arrived at Dighton, from Georgetown, D. C., 29th ult.

EVENING, at Ti c'clock, at the LYCEUM HALL REV. C. B. DANA will lecture for the benefit of the Alexandria Library Company, THIS EVENING, at 72 o'clock, at the LYCEUM HALL, on "The proper use and advantage of a Knowledge of History." Admittance 25 ets. Tickets to be had at the Office of the Gazette, and at the Book Stores.

PRIMMINGS!-TASSELS!!-BUTTONS!!!in every variety, at 107 King street.
lee 4 S. & W. MEYENBERG. Port Tobacco Times, Rock. Reg., Orange Chron.,

and Fairfax News copy.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.—The Message of the President of the United States will, it is expected, be sent to both houses of Congress, to-day, at I o'clock and as there is an unusual desire to see this important document we have made all necessary arrangements to lay it before our readers at the earliest possible moment upon its reception in Congress. Copies can be had at the counting room of the Gazette Office, and at the Book Stores of Messrs. George E. French,

and Geo. Siggers. MEETING IN BEDFORD .- A large meeting of the citizens of Bedford county, Va., irrespective of party, was held on the 26th of November, to deliberate upon the distracted condition of the country. Hon. Wm. L. in 70 years, reached the magnificent number | Goggin, chairman of the committee appointof 30,000,000; and that, under its fostering | ed for the purpose, reported a series of resoeare and protecting flag, our commerce is lutions, asserting that the time has come second to that of but one nation on the face when the rights of Southern men and the dignity of Southern States demand the repeal of all obnoxious measures and laws enacted and adopted by Northern States to prevent a proper execution of the Fugitive Siave Law, and taking strong ground against the exercise of Congressional power to regulate commerce among the several States, so as to destroy or in anywise impair the value As to the temper of our people, there is no of any species of property whatever, declarexcitement; but there is a deep feeling of ing that no such power can be exercised having that effect, either immediately or remotely in any District or Territory of the United rights of prosperity, and can take no step States. We copy three of the resolutions: That whatever differences of opinion exist now,

or may have existed heretofore, in respect to particular measures of general policy-and while we differ now, and may have been heretofore divided in our views as to the choice of men for high political stations-and though we may not be agreed in regard to certain questions affecting the authority of the several States and the powers of the General Government in other respects, yet upon the subjects to which we have adverted, we present but one undivided front now, as we shall at all times hereafter, in any invasion of our rights involved therein, or in any struggle which may ensue, to support and maintain them when they

are endangered. That we shall ever cherish an ardent attachment for the Union of these States so long as that Union secures to us blessings it was designed to confer by its formation; and in the hope of future harmony, and with a view to our national happiness, peace and prosperity, we pledge ourselves to its support, if our rights shall be hereafter proper-

ly respected. That, appealing as we do to a source of justiceto our own rights, and to that unity which constitute us as one people for national purposes, we ask that all action looking to disunion or secession be suspended for the present, trusting that reason and reflection may be substituted for hasty and inconsiderate resolves, in all sections, both North

Another resolution urges a Convention of the States, and it is suggested that such future prospects in this life are only made | Convention, if called, be held as speedily as possible in the city of Lexington, in the State of Kentucky.

The resolutions were advocated by Messrs. being 8 more than for the whole of last year, Goggin, Burwell and others, and unanimousbut largely behind the average for leap year. ly adopted. . The following, offered by Dr. R. A. Clement, was also adopted, with a few

Resolved, That having entire confidence in the integrity and patriotism of our Representatives in building, three-stories high, 24 by 40, and the State Legislature, we authorize them, in the is now engaged in laying the foundations of event the mode of redress embraced in the foregoing resolutions shall prove inadequate to the crisis, to adopt any other measures consistent with the principles and purposes of the resolutions.

"HITCHED ON AND DRAGGED."-The more we think over this elegant and classical expression, a few weeks since given out by our esteemed cotemporary of the Richmond Enquirer, the more we don't like it. It conveys to the mind the idea of a stubborn cur being "hitched on" to the coupling pole of a wagon, and "dragged" along almost at the expense of his neck, notens votens. It, too, might fairly be construed as a serious reflection upon the intelligence, manhood and independence of the people of Virginia, who could be "hitched on" and "dragged into a common destiny" with the Cotton States, no matter what might be their desire. To subordinate every consideration of principle and every instinct of sovereignty to an imagine! community of commercial interests, is progressing a degree backwards in the science of government, as well as of morals and letters, scarcely assimilative to the spirit of this progressive age. To assume that the people of Virginia are mere anatomical structures. animal entities, devoid of the power of volition and divested of the natural attributes vote of the ladies was taken in the meeting of mind, is presuming upon the credulity and stupidity of our species to a point where its absurdity becomes transparent. The people of Virginia "hitched on"-strapped to--for the purpose, willing or not, of being 'dragged into' the mad and reckless schemes of gates to the convention, and eight were ap- | South Carolina! Why, before we would submit to such humiliation and degradation, we would raise the flag of the sovereignty of Western Virginia, and resist to the death the destruction and absorption of our sovereign and independent rights-our God-given and constitution guarantied privileges and immunities. Virginia is sovereign and "hitched on" to the "common destiny" of no power, until she so determines for herself.—Stannton Vin-

> THE CENSUS .- The population of the State of New Jersey is a fraction over 650,000 .-The increase of population in ten years is

dicator.

Michigan has 749,969; increase in ten years, 352,315.

Massachusetts has 1,231,497; an increase of 24 per cent., or 10 per cent, less than the increase during the previous ten years, from 1840 to 1850.

The census of Georgia shows a population of 1,075,977, an increase of 61,559 since 1850. Thirty counties show a loss and ninety-eight counties a grain.

The population of Kentucky, according to the returns of the U.S. Marshal, is 1,156, 000, which is an increase of 17 per cent. in the last ten years.

The complete census returns of New York city, according to the city papers, show a population of 814 277. This is the city proper. The increase in five years is 284,427, which is an average of nearly 57,000 per

The census shows that the annual increase in the population of the United States since 1790 is about three per cent. In 1715, the population of the colonies was 482,000, of whom 58,500 were negro slaves. The present population is about 30,000,000, of whom about 4,000,000 are negroes. Our public schools are attended by 4,000,000 of children: we owe about \$260,000,000, of which \$96,paper mills and 2,000 steam engines to supply our publishers and newspapers with Doddridge 1, Fairfax 24, Fauquier 1, Hamp

Russia Pays Up .- During the Crimean agents, made a contract with Capt. Perkins, of Worcester, Mass., for a supply of powder, revolvers, and breach-loading rifles, to be smuggled into Russia by way of the German ports, in concealed cotton-bales and casks of this port for new crop, and a number of rice. The scheme was discovered, and peace having been declared, the Russian broke the contract. Capt. Perkins laid his claim be- on their way to this port to load with corn, fore the State Department and a diplomatic and we confidently expect to see an unusual

ney General Black sustained the claimant .- the coming winter .- Norfolk Day Book. His agent, Mr. Stewart, it is said, went to St. Petersburg last summer, and that, with the aid of Mr. Appleton, our Minister at St. Pe- up a fight with the "Staleybridge Infant," tersburg, he has obtained \$385,000.—Wash- or any body else, either in America or England. ington Correspondent.

The Vote of Virginia.

We annex a table of the official returns of [Reported for the Alexandria Gazette.] the Presidential election, in this State, exclusive of the informalities which caused a division of the electoral college. These figares present the actual result of the election. The aggregate vote, (including the Republican,) is 167,308. The aggregate at the last Gubernatorial election was 149,971. Increase 17,337. Bell over Goggin 2,360-Letcher over Breckinridge 3,327. Combined majority against Breckinridge 16,743. OFFICIAL RETURNS.

VIII	Bell.	1860——— Breck.	Doug.
Accomac Albemarlo	$\frac{736}{1317}$	737 1056	97
Alexandria Alleghany	250	565 344	141 37 32
Amelia	282	249	26
Amherst	622	808	10
Appomattox	221 2553	563 218 910	1094
Barbour	422 220 1468	163 1037	22 91
Bedførd Berkeley Boone	913	830 204	106
Botetourt	590	589	174
Braxton	274	227	46
Brooke	173	450	76
Brunswick	318	444	137
Buchanan	14	134	19
Buckingham	544	528	22
Cabell	316 19	161 285	407
Campbell	$\begin{array}{c} 1521 \\ 561 \end{array}$	1208 772	146
Carroll Charles City	$\frac{315}{224}$	729 111	11
Charlotte	418	465	25
Chesterfield	788	328	588
Clarke Clay	288 119	335 35 322	$\frac{49}{2}$
Craig Culpeper Cumberland,	$\frac{112}{526}$ $\frac{278}{278}$	525 276	19 37
Dinwiddie	389	254	183
Doddridge	143	358	
Elizabeth City	248	164	24
	279	308	4
Fairfax	691	685	91
Fauquier	989	1027	39
Floyd	381	241	65
	384	400	35
Fluvanua	487	443	133
Frankliu	863	1076	
Frederick	963	1315	66
Giles	366	244	
Gilmer Gloucester	301	268 460	119
Goochland Grayson	244 315 993	428 447 505	37 16 132
Greensrier Greene Greensville	74 139	521 151	10
Haiifax	563	1312	138
	878	1054	75
Hancock	33	262	85
	575	749	27
Пагdу	894	355	74
Натгізоп	931	1191	1407
Henrico	1403	641	189
	543	444	59
Highland	215	170	255
	147	757	19
Jackson James City	388 148	500 60	61
Jefferson Kanawha	959 1176 184	458 510 223	440 52 37
King George	255	510	2 8
King & Queen	142	315	
King William	209	142	12
Lancaster		894	10
Lee Lewis Logan	332 100	604 271	247 6
Loudoun	2033	778	120
	498	754	2
Lunenburg Madison	251	537	32
	74	834	20
Marion	569	1337	137
Marshall	928	809	108
Mason Matthews	716 251	439 306	297
McDowell Mccklenburg	430	901	63
Mercer Middlesex	151	432 241	13
Monongalia Monroe	622 693 712	520 425	757 83 74
Montgomery Morgan Nansemond	308	254 429	20
Nelson	733	390	- 112
New Kent	264	172	2
Nicholas	845	152	48
Norfolk City	984	439	233
Norfolk County		447 214	52
Northumberland	276	350	28
Nottowny	232	179	
Obio Orange	1202 427	915 475	716 12 75
Page Patrick	433	937 432 217	70 133
Pendleton	970	223	613
Petersburg	1702	1057	
Pittsylvania Pleasauts Pocahontas	140 163	166 333	119
Portsmouth	878	559	214
	225	127	120
Preston	562	942	239
Prince Edward	374	423	65
Prince George	243	191	126
Prince William		718	26
Princess Anne Pulaski	332,	379 250	16
Putnam	400 230	327 69 243	38 14 143
Randolph	259 491 2402	409 1167	753
Richmond City Richmond Co Ritchie	353 224	185 544	8 73
Roane	237	264 -	16
	293	273	52
Rockbridge	1231	861	641
Rockingham	883	676	1354
Russell	473	526	34
	591	594	91
Shenandouh	$\frac{427}{446}$	1883 496	170
Southampton Spottsylvania	545 599	563	257
Stafford	404	402	165
Surry	197	115	55
Sussex	177 647	294 575 934	96 26
Tazewell	306 22 345	934 99 423	23 197
Tyler	331	589	54
Upshur	276	462	
Warviek	72	32	56
Washington	916	1178	
Wayne	326	166	82
	66	52	5
Westmoreland	438	160	$\frac{4}{132}$
Wotzel	90	607	
Williamsburg	49	42	$\frac{24}{18}$
Wirt	150	255	
Wise	102	363	36
Wood	832	832	9
Wyoming Wythe,	60 617 227	29 795 00	22 3
York		74323	16375
Total	74323	13420	- 10110

Bell's mai...... 358 In seven counties in the State no vote was given for the National or Union Democratic ticket. These counties are Clay, Gloucester, Matthews, McDowell, Middlesex, Rappahannock and Tazwell. In each of the counties of Calhoun, Nansemond and North-

Mason 59, Monongalia 77, Ohio 671, Portsmouth 4, Preston 110, Prince William 55, 10, Wetzel 6 and Wood 81. Total 1,929.

FOREIGN ORDERS FOR CORN .- Several foreign orders for corn have already arrived at others are expected in the next steamer. Several English and Russian ships are now correspondence ensued, during which Attor- activity in the corn trade, in this city, during

Heenan, the "Benicia boy" wants to get

THIRTY-SIXTE CONGRESS.

In Senate, Monday Dec. 3d. The Senate was called to order, at noon, precisely, by the ilon. John C. Breckinridge, Vice President of the United States.

The following Senators took their seats: Messrs. Anthony, Bigler, Bingham, Bragg, Bright, Brown, Cameron, Chandler, Clingman, Collamer, Crittenden, Dixon, Doolittle, Douglas, Fessenden, Fitzpatrick, Foote, Foster, Green, Grimes, Hale, Hamlin, Harlan, Hunter, Johnson, of Ark., Kennedy, King, Lane, Latham, Mason, Nicholson, Pearce, Polk, Rice, Saulsbury, Seward, Simmons, Sumner, Ten Eyek, Trumbull, Wade, Wig-

fall. Wilson and Yulee. Rev. R. R. Gurley opened the session with prayer, in which, with much impressiveness. he besought peace and unity for the nation and divine guidance upon its rulers.

Mr. Bigler, of Pennsylvania, introduced an order which was agreed to, unanimously, directing the Secretary to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate was in session, and was ready to proceed with the

public business. Mr. Bright, of Indiana, introduced a resolution that a committee of three be appointed by the Senate, to meet a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives. to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that Congress was in sessiou and ready to receive any communication to

The resolution was agreed to unanimously, and Messrs. Bright, of Indiana, Mason, of Virginia, and Collamer, of Vermont, ap-

pointed said committee. Mr. Fitzpatrick, of Alabama, introduced the following order, which was agreed to: Ordered, That the hour of meeting of the

Senate be 12 o'clock daily. Some time then elapsed, during which the Senate awaited a communication from the House of Representatives.

About 1 o'clock, the clerk of the House of Representatives appeared, and announced that the House had organized, and appointed Messrs. Morehead, Bocock and Adams. of Kentucky, to unite with the Senate committee and wait on the President of the United States.

Mr. Clingman, of North Carolina, moved that the Senate take a recess for half an hour. Mr. Green, of Missouri,-Oh no, adjourn. Mr. Seward, of New York, moved that the Senate adjourn.

Mr. Clingman thought it might be treating the President with disrespect to send a committee to him and adjourn before that committee returned.

Mr. Seward said he had not made the motion unadvisedly. He knew informally, but 189 certainly, that the message would not be communicated to Congress until to-morrow. The motion was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The House niet at 12 o'clock-and being called to order by the Speaker, Hen. Wm Pennington, of N. J., was opened with prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Stockton. In the prayer the reverend gentlemen al-

luded to the present unsettled state of the country, saving that our good and great and 120 wise men were all at fault; North, South, East and West, and invoked Divine aid in our deliberations.

The regular call of the House was made according to the States. The Speaker announced that 196 members

All the South Carolina members answered to their names, except Hon. W. Porcher Miles, who came in afterwards. Of the Louisiana delegation, but one was present-

Hon. John E. Bouligny.

Mr. McKanty, of Pennsylvania, appeared in the place of Mr. Schwartz, deceased. Messrs. Barrett, of Missouri, and John 112 Young Brown, of Kentucky, severally appeared and qualified.

A message was received from the Senate. announcing the appointment of Messrs. Bigler, Mason, and Callamer as a committo on the part of the Senate to wait on the 2s President, and inform him that a quorum of 716 both Houses were in attendance, and ready to receive any communication he may be

pleased to make. Mr. Morehead offered a resolution for the appointment of a similar committee, which was adopted, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Morehead, Bocock, and Adams a committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Grow called up the motion made at the last session to reconsider the vote by which the Homestead bill, reported from the Committee on Agriculture was referred to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union; and he moved the previous ques-

Mr. Phelps said that the gentleman from Pennsylvania could call up the motion any other day, and it should not now be insisted

on, as several members were absent. 753 Mr. Grow explained that his reason for calling up the motion now was that they might have the business before the House, for gentlemen knew that there were special orders for the first three or four weeks, this

Mr. Grow yielded to a suggestion to postpone the motion for the present, in order that members might proceed to draw for their

On motion of Mr. Florence, the daily hour for the meeting of the House was fixed at noon until otherwise ordered. On motion of Mr. Grow, a message was

sent to the Senate imforming them that a quorum of the House was present and ready

to proceed to business. The House then preceded to allow the members to draw for seats during the ses sion, and this proceeding coupied consider-

able time, and sometimes occasioned merri-Mr. Grow wished to take up the Homestead bill and refer it to the Committee on

the Agriculture. He did not supp so any one wished to debate it, pending which. Mr. Washburne, of Me., said that inasmuch as he would retire from the House on the 1st of January next, he desired to offer his resignation as a member of the Commit-

tee on Ways and Means. Mr. Washburne, of Ill., moved that the House adjourn, which motion was agreed to, and at 12 o'clock, the House adjourned.

The New York Herald's Washington despatch, says:-Secretary Cobb resigned yester day, his resignation to take effect on Wednesday. Among the first business of the umberland, the Douglas electors received session will be the introduction in the Senbut one vote.

The efficial vote for Lincoln, in this State, a penal offence to obstruct United States and before all the Crowned Heads of Europe. ate, by Senator Douglas, of a bill making it 000 are held by foreigners. It takes 750 at the late election, was as follows: Alexan- officers in executing the Fugitive Slave law. dria 16, Barbour 3, Brooke 173, Cabell 4, It is reported that Senator Seward will take the earliest opportunity to introduce in the printing paper, at a cost of \$27,000,000 per shire 2, Hancock 255, Harrison 22, Jackson Senate a bill restoring the Missouri compro-21, Loudoun 11, Marion 1, Marshall 195, mise line, extending it to the Pacific, and at the same time make a strong conservative speech. The South Americans in Congress was the Russian Government, through its Ritchie 12. Shenandoah 13, Taylor 4, Wayne will go for Union, and Mr. Bouligny, of Louisiana, will make a strong speech on the subject. Senator Douglas has sent for Gov. Crittenden to o nfer with him on the policy

> The New York World's Washington D's patch says: -A large number of republicans met in caucus, Sunday night, to consider Thurlow Weed's proposition, made in the Albany Journal. A vote was taken, after a brief consultation, and a majority of the republicans vited affirmatively. Altie Americans will support the compromise to be introduced by Hon. George Briggs. His compromise is, in effect, the same as Weed's.

to be pursued to save the Union.

LOCAL ITEMS.

COUNTY COURT:-The County Court, December term, was in session vesterday but a few hours, having adjourned at 1 o'clock, until the Court in course. There was but one jury case tried-that of Dean vs. Keys for unlawful detainer. The jury sworn to try whether the property was unlawfully held from the plaintiff, gave judgment, accordingly, and for costs. There were no Commonwealth's cases, and only a few civil cases continued. Two or three administra-

tions were granted. The Court authorized Thos. Whittington, sealer and inspector of weights and measures, to purchase for the use of the county, sets of United States standard dry and wine measures, of copper or pewter, and a set of standard weights of copper or iron .chequer standards of 1744, so long in use in this city. The Court also ordered John Skidmore to be discharged from the jail of

Company to be relieved from the payment of certain taxes to them assessed, was granted.

REV. DR. DANA'S LECTURE.-It will be seen by reference to a notice in another column of to-day's Gazette, that the Rev. C. B. Dana, D. D., former rector of Christ Church, will deliver a lecture to-night, at Lyceum Hall, at 71 o'clock, on "The Proper use and advantage of a Knowledge of History." understand that the Rev. Dr. delivers this lecture in consequence of the repeated solicitations of some of our most influential and respected citizens, and we promise to all who contemplate attending, the enjoyment of a delightful evening. In thus, so courteously responding to the request made of him, Dr. Dana but exhibits another instance of his desire to profit his friends, even at personal inconvience. Of ripe judgement, cultivated experience and superior attainments, he cannot but render to his audience, useful information and an intellectual treat.

PUBLIC MEETING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY .-An adjourned meeting of the citizens of Fairfax county was held at the Court House on Saturday last, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, a smaller number attended than would otherwise have been the case .-The chairman, T. R. Love, esq., being absent from the county, Alfred Moss, esq., was called to preside, John T. Burke continuing to act as secretary. As the committee of nine who had been appointed to draft resolutions for the consideration of the meeting could not agree, two sets of resolutions were proposed differing essentially in their texts. Those offered by Mai. H. W. Thomas, and supported by himself and W. H. Dulany, esq., being highly conservative in their tone, while those proposed and advocated by Thos. J. Murray, esq., supported more ultra Southern views. After the adoption of Mr. Murray's resolutions, the meeting adjourned.

FUGITIVE SLAVE CASE. -In Washington on Saturday, the case of Capt. Nathan Darling, who was charged with resisting officers Wise and Gittings in arresting a colored man named Stafford, under the fugitive slave law, came up for trial. Judge Granger appeared, and his evidence exonerated Capt. Darling from any blame in the matter .-This was the first case, under the fugitive the magistrates, Justices Donn and Giberson, fully acquitted Capt. Darling.

NOVEMBER MARRIAGES .- During the month November, the Clerk of the Alexandria County Court granted eight marriage licenses .-All the gentlemen parties to the licenses were over twenty-one years of age as were six of the ladies. The licenses of November for the past three years have been as follows: 1857, 10; 1858, 3; 1859, 6; the average of the month since 1352 being 96-7. Thus it will be perceived that the issue of the past month falls considerably below the average.

SISTERS OF CHARITY -A number of Sisters of Charity, attired in the habit of their order, passed through this city, last night, on the Southwestern line, en route to New Orleans. They propose to exercise their noble mission in that city, having left the Mother House in New York for that pur-

ALEXANDRIA JAIL .- The juil of this county received but one person charged with rime-larceny-during the month of November. This person, a white woman, is now the only inhabitant of the criminal ward of the jail. This indicates an absence of crime in the community which is very condemnation of the personal liberty bills.

MONUMENT .- The monument to the memory of Rev. J. E. Blox, a description of which we gave some time since, was raised on Saturday in front of St. Mary's church on Royal Street, and adds much to the appearance laws. of the neighborhood.

opening of the session of Congress yesterday | confederacy, a close observer could not fail was attended by a large number of Alexan- occasionally to observe flashes of indignation drians. A number of the ministers of the Virginia Conference recently in session, here, the coming storm. were also present.

On Saturday night, off Barnegat, in the snow storm, the schooner Shark, Captain Carpenters, Captain Fountain, loaded with and active exertions of Captain Patterson, nouncing John Brown and his coadjutors, Captain Fountain, his crew and his wife a very narrow escape.

I BERTY HALL! FOR THREE NIGHTS ONLY !! MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY Dec. 10th, 11th, & 12th. First appearance in Alexandria of the renowned

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107 King-st., cor. of Pitt. [Port Tobacco Times, Rock. Reg., Orange Chron., and Fairfax News, copy.] JUVENILE SINGING CLASS. MR. DAILEY'S Young Folks Singing Class, will meet in the LECTURE ROOM of the First Presbyterian Church, this afternoon, at 41 o'clock. Tickets may be had at Messrs. Parrott, Entwisle,

and Bell's Book Stores-price \$1. All children-



BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

ashington Affairs-Congress-Secession-Proposals for Harmony-Caucuses. [Special Dispatch to the Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 .- The session of Congress opened most quietly. Those who expected a scene were disappointed, for seldom in the calmest times has there been less apparent excitement. To all appearances the opening of the second session of this Congress compares very favorably, with the These weights will, as we have heretofore opening of the first session last year, when announced, supercede the old English Ex- immediately upon the heel of the John Brown Raid, Southern men met their Northern associates, and opened at once a violent sectional contest; in the Senate on the John Application from the Alexandria Canal Brown Raid, and in the House upon the Helper book. The members on the Southern side of the House seemed indeed rather disposed to merriment.

Every one feels, however, that a crisis is upon the country and all talk of it. With the exception of the bankrupt condition of the Treasury, it has driven everything from the tapis of political circles. The fear, however, is not without hope. Prominent men on both sides are named as anxious to generally conceded to have a plurality of 700 proposes measures of relief. Senator Hunter is said to be prominent among Southern members in this desire, and it is proclaimed | Breckinridge, and Douglas is number three in so many high quarters that, credence is given to it, that, Wm. H. Seward will propose a plan of adjustment acceptable to the South. Those hopeful of the Union, one more sanguine to-day than they have been before, since the election of Lincoln.

The Gulf State members generally still think dissolution inevitable, and say to suggestions of a settlement of the difficulties: "It is too late, the day for compromises is

There can be no doubt that very soon, it to the pacification of the country, will be introduced into the House, backed by a conservative power, respectable in numbers, ed in self defence. and conservative in antecedents. After this experiment upon the temper of the House has been tried, prudent men will be able to make their calculations with more accuracy. At present, the most sagacious are baffled in all efforts to read aright the "signs of the times." No credit, however, is given to the idea that there will be an internecine quarrel among the Southern delegates in undergoing the test. The owners are san-Congress. The suggestion is as unjust to guine that the investigation will show the them, as its fulfilment would be insulting to silver region of Sierra Nevada to be the best their constituents.

The President's Message will be delivered to the public at 1 o'clock precisely.

It is said upon excellent authority, that slave law, in the District of Columbia, and the Hon. Wm. C. Rives, of Virginia, will be offered a place in the cabinet of the incoming President.

In the Senate, to-day, neither South Carolina, Georgia, nor Louisiana, were represented. South Carolina will remain without Senators, but the Louisiana Senators will be here shortly, and it is said that Mr. Toombs will take his seat.

The city is quite busy to-night, there are two or three political caucuses in progress, the proceedings of which have not trans-

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 P. M .- Several Southern delegations are in secret consultation to the co-operation of the border slave-States in the secession movement.

While some Republicans affect to believe that South Carolina only will secede, others are begining to be alarmed; even Sumner today said privately that there was danger of the secession movement spreading.

The President's message will, it is thought offend the South on account of its position against secession and offend the North by its Persons claiming to be well posted say that the President will recommend a general convention with a view to the adjustment of

the present difficulties. It is evident that the Administration fears trouble in the enforcement of the Federal

Notwithstanding there was a studied courtesy and cordiality to-day, between the ALEXANDRIANS AT THE CAPITOL .- The members from the extreme sections of the from those from the Cotton States foretelling

An Abolition Meeting Broken Up.

Boston, Dec. 3 .- The abolitionists of this place called a meeting to-day, to be held at Patterson, from Galveston to New York, Masonic Temple for the purpose of commemon ne into collision with the schooner Ship orating the death of John Brown. The temple was taken possession of by Union men, coal, from Delaware to Providence, which who chose Mr. Richard Sullivan Fay, Chairwent down immediately. By the humane man and passed a series of resolutions dejustifying his execution, and lauding Virginwere rescued, but unfortunately, his child, is for the course pursued by hor in reference two years old, was lost. Mrs. Fountain had to those mad fanatics. Fred Douglas, James Redpath, Frank Sanborn and other well known Abolitionists vainly endeavored to obtain a hearing. There was much confusion and the police was called in, when the Hall was cleared and closed by order of the Mayor.

Singular Accident.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec., 2 .- A man named John Murray, living on Madison street, in this city, on Saturday evening placed the muzzle of a loaded gun barrel, detached from the stock, to his mouth, and while blowing into it the breach came in contact with a lighted candle, discharging the weapon. Murray's head was blown off and portions of his skull and brains scattered about the room. The barrel rebounded, and striking his mother-in-law, ten feet distant, penetrated four inches into her chest. It is believed she cannot survive.

Arrival of the California Steamer. NEW YORK, Nov. 3 .- The steamship Northern Light, with California dates of the 11th, has arrived, bringing \$800,000 in Mr. Clay, our late Minister to Peru.

among the passengers. Secession Meeting at Mobile.

Mobile, Dec. 1 .- A large secession meet-

ing was held her last night. Messrs. John Bragg, Judge Dargan, Geo. O. Ketchum, and H. G. Humphreys were unanimously cominated as delegates to the State Conven-

Bank Suspensions.
Augusta, Dec. 3.—All the banks in this city have taken advantage of the recently enacted law and suspended this morning .desiring to acquire a thorough knowledge of Vo. They have fixed the maximum rate of dis- of Congress only about 25 per cent. of the eal Music, are invited to attend. dee 1-1t c unt on New York sight bills at 3 per cent. amount due them for mileage.

A Proposition for Quieting the Present Political excitement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 .- Among the numerous propositions with the view of endeavoring to quiet the present political evils, is one proposing that the Representatives of all the Southern States, South Carolina excepted. shall have a conference and prepare a list of their grievances, and state what will satisfy them as a remedy. This is then to be submitted to the conservative Republicans, and, if it meet with sufficient favor from them, then, after the reading of the President's Message, that part having reference to our political troubles to be referred to a committee of one from each State. This proposition is being discussed to-day, and it is said that several prominent Republicans have already

The United States Supreme Court met today in their new Chamber at noon. Chief Justice Taney and all the associate

Judges, except Judge Wayne, were present. The Court soon adjourned, and the members proceeded to the White House, and personally paid their respects to the President, and afterwards left their cards for the Vice-President.

Later from California.

Fort KEARNEY, Dec. 2d .- The Pony Express passed here at 4 o'clock this morning, with San Francisco dates to Nov. 21.

The election returns are not quite comolete.—The total vote is divided as follows: Lincoln, 38,646; Douglas, 37,349; Breckinridge, 33,357; Bell, 8,467. The vote of the State cannot exceed 118,500 and Lincoln is

to 1000. The latest returns from all the counties of Oregon, give Lincoln 318 majority over

in the race. Great anxiety exists in California for further Eastern intelligence. The latest dates from St. Louis are to the 8th instant. The Pony Express, with dates to the 11th, has not arrived, though overdue.

The late storm caused much damage in the interior of the State. Many flumes and ditches were seriously injured, houses unroofed, fences blown down, &c. One of the big trees of California, measuring 36 feet in diameter, is prostrated. Mr. Shannon, editor of the Visalia Delta,

and Wm. Governor Morris, a lawver, residing in the same town, had a rencontre growmay be even to-morrow, resolutions looking | ing out of a political controversy on the 15th during which Mr. Shannon was killed, after the parties had fired several shots. Mr. Morris was acquitted, on the ground that he act-

The yield of the Fremont gold mines for the past two weeks is stated by the managers at \$32,000

Accounts from Lower California state that the band of fillibusters who have been committing murders and robberies in the Peninsula, are all driven out, leaving the country

quiet. A ton of ore from five different leads in the new Cosa districts has arrived here, and is and most extensive in the world.

The Georgia Legislature. MILLEDGEVILLE, Dec. 1 .- A motion was made to-day to amend the retaliatory bill as

follows: "And whereas, a compact broken by one party is no longer binding, politically, socialy, morally, or legally, upon the other parties to it; An whereas, in the opinion of this General

Assembly, the States enumerated in the bill have grossly violated the compact of this Union, by refusing to deliver up fugitives: Cherefore, Be it enacted. That the State of Georgia will withdraw its confederated faith from all

the States which interpose obstacles to the re-

covery of our rights under the Constitution; and hereby Be it further enacted and decreed, That all officers in this State, civil or military, who have taken au oath to support the Constitution of the U.S., are hereby relieved and absolved from their obligations from such oaths; as well as all cases in the courts of night with the object it is believed of securing this State where the States or citizens of

those States who refuse our constitutional rights are parties or otherwise concerned. This amendment was lost-aves 36, nays 89. The retaliatory bill, however, passed the House.

Further from Kansas.

WARSAW, Dec. 2 .- Gen. Frost's brigade encamped last night between Calhoun and Belmont .- They are moving slowly, having become foot-sore from marching on the rough

Gen. Parson passed through Calhoun yesterday on a secret mission to the border. At the last accounts Montgomery was encamped near Fort Scott, and defied the world to take him. It is thought that he will leave

ney and Gen. Frost. The people in all the border counties strongly endorse the action of Gov. Stewart n sending out troops. If they can only catch Montgomery, a general day of thanksgiving will be held in the Osage valley.

when he hears of the approach of Gen. Har-

Gen. Frost's command will encamp tonight at Calhoun. Two suspicious characters, supposed to be Montgomery's spies, were seen yesterday in the northern part of Henry county, making tracks in the direction of Fort Scott. Montgomery's men are all through the

people. These frequent outrages in the West by Abolition bands, is kindling in that section a strong disunion spirit.

country giving out reports to mislead the

A Southern Conference Proposed. MILLEDGEVILLE, Dec. 3 .- The preamble

and resolutions offered by Mr. Holt, of Muscogee, and made the special order of the day in the Georgia Legislature for Tuesday. propose a conference of the Southern States at Atlanta, on the 20th of February to counsel and advise as to the mode and measure of resistance in the existing exigency. The preamble takes strong ground in fa-

vor of having all the sectional questions finally settled, and objects to any separate State action.

Texas.

NEW ORLEANS, December 2d .- A committee of citizens of Texas have petitioned to Governor Houston to convene the Legislature of that State, to which the Governor responded that, viewing the proposed measure as unwise, he could not call the legislature together, but if a majority of the citizens of the State petitioned for it, he would not stand in their way. nates strongly.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 .- The projected meeting of the Union Senators and members of the House of Representatives, appointed for to-night, has been, at the suggestion of Mr. Crittenden, of Kentucky, indefinitely postponed.

Fire in Boston. Boston, Dec. 2.-The large unfinished dwelling house, No 124 Beacon street, owned by John T. Coolidge, was destroyed by fire, last night. The adjoining building was considerably damaged. Loss \$25,000; in-

Low State of the Treasury. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 .- The Treasury Department to-day, paid to applying mombers

Union Conference Postponed.